

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Barn, Richard's Inheritance Place Inventory Number: 120026 CH-822

Address: Richard's Inheritance Place, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Richards Inheritance Partnership

Tax Parcel Number: 89 Tax Map Number: 44

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes Name:                      Date:                     

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no    yes Name of District:                     

Is district listed?: X no    yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The barn located on Richard's Inheritance Place has a gambrel roof. Both the wood siding and roof are in good condition and the site appears to be well maintained.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

The gambrel roof barn increased in popularity in the last quarter of the 19th century. The gambrel roof was easily used with lumber-truss construction, which was developed in the third quarter of the 19th century. Gambrel roofs

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

12/27/01  
Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

7/19/02  
Date

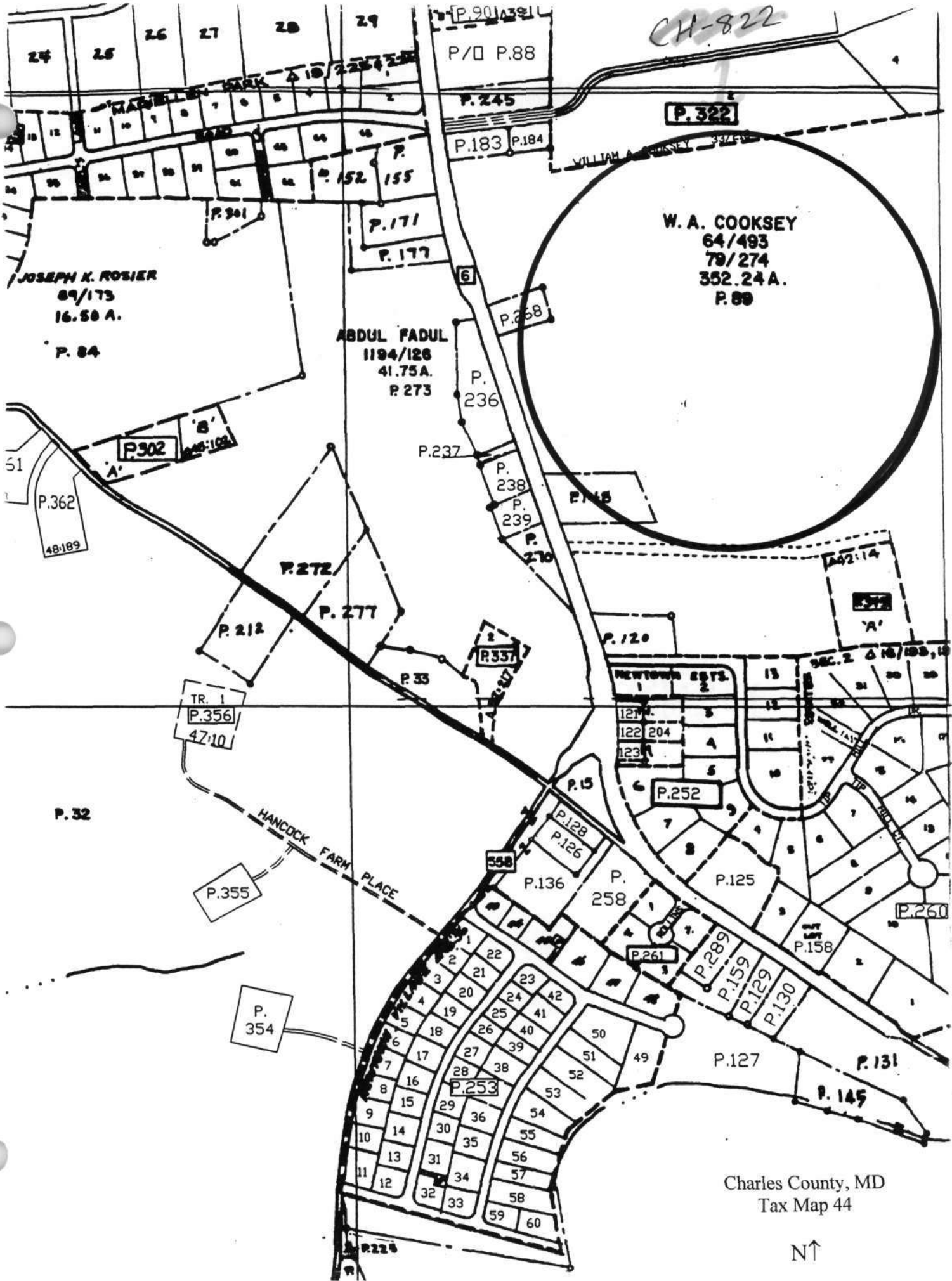
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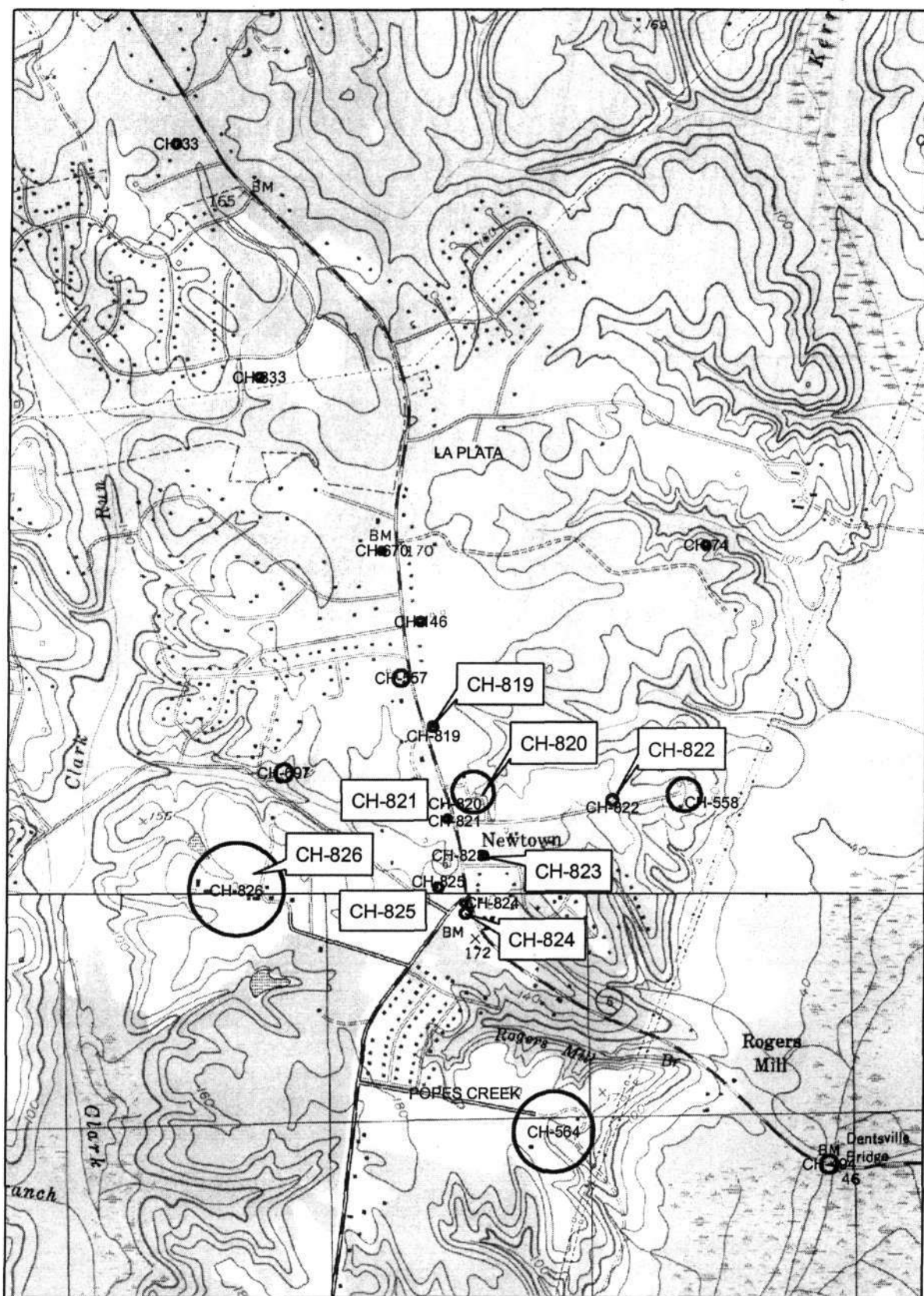
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were also added to barns employing traditional timber bent construction. The advantage of the gambrel roof was the increase in loft capacity. This increase in capacity made barns more efficient for hay storage. As farm sizes increased and more animals needed hay, the increased storage capacity became more desirable.

Constructed circa 1920, this barn is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the agricultural buildings surrounding U.S. 301, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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View looking west.

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